



MEETING NOTES

Historic Dublin Task Force

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 | 6:30 pm

Historic Dublin Task Force Members Present: Clay Rose, Sally Van Horn, Burt Dowden, Kim Way, Carol Matune, Ed Ostrowski, Paula Yonnotti-Ansel, Craig Price, Lynn Long, Alan Szuter, Mary Szuter, and Olivia Wirth.

HDTF Members Absent: Garrick Daft, Jay Nordenbrock, Enas Lanham, Becky Brightman, Kathy Lannan, and Rohan Madan.

City Council and Dublin Staff: Council Member Andrew Keeler; Jennifer Rauch, Planning Manager & Interim Planning Director; Tammy Noble, Senior Planner; Laurie Wright, Administrative Support II; and Sara O'Malley, Economic Development Administrator.

Ms. Rauch welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation. Everyone was seated in small groups and were asked to re-introduce themselves for those that were not in attendance for the first meeting.

Ms. Rauch provided a recap of the initial meeting and highlighted the opportunities and challenges identified by the group. She shared major themes that resulted from the comments and shared these with the groups. The themes with the most feedback were listed first, as followed: Access/Streetscape Details/Pedestrian (21); Events (16); Open Space/Natural Corridors (15); Uses/Business/Vitality (13); Architecture/Character/Building/Scale (12); Civic/Schools/Education (8); Parking (8); Historic Preservation (7); Transition (7); Public Art (6); Housing (4); Parking Garage (3); Lighting (3); Stone Walls (2); and Safety/Cleanliness (2).

Ms. Noble said she was not able to attend the first meeting and was co-facilitating the meetings for this group. She said she had reviewed the lengthy feedback and was complimented the group with providing excellent ideas in the short amount of time.

Ms. Rauch and Ms. Noble asked the members to take additional time in their small groups to discuss any additional observations they made after attending the initial meeting. Ms. Rauch asked them to identify any new perspectives or ideas.

The following additional observations were reported out from the small table discussions and discussed as a group:

- New Pedestrian Bridge – concern with bike access safety
- Attract people across the new pedestrian bridge to the Historic District through promotion and events
- Several large events have left the Historic District. May be a positive as to not interfere with business with the required closures and interruptions.
- Tree lighting was moved. Is there another alternative or event?



- A community feel with pedestrians and bikers
- Desire for bike share opportunities
- Connect Kiwanis Park to Riverside Crossing Park
- Connect park areas along the river up N. High Street to include residential properties north of the HD and extend up to Emerald Parkway and across to area under the Emerald Parkway bridge on east side of the river down to Riverside Crossing Park on the east side.
- Celebrate connection at Dublin Springs Park along S. Riverview St. up to Riverside Crossing Park
- Increase access to the Scioto River with better signage
- Signs throughout the Historic District “You are here”
- Improved signage to “point people in the right direction” throughout the HD – QR Code
- Need to change perception that the district is too far to walk
- New pedestrian bridge and parks will draw people to the Historic District. Need to find a way to draw people south of the Historic District.
- Make an anchor on property at the south end of district to draw people
- Promote parking and walking the district
- Install parking sensors that will communicate with apps to show available parking
- Improvements to Franklin Street (curb & sidewalk)
- Mixed-use housing – diversity is good
- Allow residential to mix with commercial
- Love vitality with pedestrian traffic on all streets, including residential areas
- Need to connect businesses in all areas
- Vacant property concerns
- Facilitate economic assistance to redevelopment of vacant properties
- Replace street lights with gas lamps through grant opportunities and partnering with IGS
- Discuss AEP line relocation/burial
- Discuss tree replacement on S. High Street – gain understanding of the plan details

Ms. Noble provided a brief overview of the City’s planning process. She said in many states, Community Plans are required in order to acquire federal funding, however the Ohio is not a state that requires comprehensive plans for communities. Dublin is fortunate that our residents want a Community Plan, which is the City’s policy document that informs growth and development decisions. This ensures that development occurs in a predictable and compatible manner and provides an essential resource for City Council, staff, and boards and commissions. In addition, this Task Force is a grass roots movement to create a long-term vision and goals for land use, transportation, utilities, recreation, open space and aesthetics for the historic sections of the City. In addition to our Community Plan, the City of Dublin has also adopted several area plans that provide additional detailed policy guidance and conceptual ideas. Ms. Noble pointed to a map that indicates the various They all differ in vitality and character and highlighted the various areas of the City and their essential purpose including but not limited Bridge Street, the West Innovation District, the and Metro Blazer Area Plan. Zoning implements the vision and goals established in the Community Plan and Special Area Plans through the creation and administration of regulations. The defined permitted uses, setbacks, building height, densities, parking, lot coverage, landscaping, buffering, and open space requirements vary by location or district and are based on the desired character envisioned for the area. For the most part, historic districts are a big draw for a city and the people that reside there or have businesses in the area tend to be very passionate. She stated this Task Force will consider long range goals for the

vision. This will not be for immediate change but closer to 20 - 30 years out. She asked the group to consider what they would want in the Historic District Area Plan.

Ms. Rauch reviewed the zoning map for the Historic District and the three main zoning districts and their intended character within the District, which includes the Historic Residential, Historic South and Historic Core District. She reviewed the previous Code amendments to address the development concerns within the Historic South District, as well as the proposed amendments to the Code and Guidelines as part of the removal from the Bridge Street District. Ms. Rauch shared the background regarding the Historic and Cultural Assessment and information provided regarding all of the historic properties citywide. She shared City Council acceptance of this assessment and the asset it has been to staff and ARB as one additional resources when reviewing applications that come before the Architectural Review Board. The group discussed concerns regarding the designated contributing and non-contributing status that is identified for the individual properties and that information is used in the review process. The group also discussed various development projects and the challenges facing small businesses and redevelopment of sites within the District.

Clay Rose spoke about the Historical Society and role the organization plays in the Historic District. The group discussed the organization of a walking tour led by the Historic Society members, which would be targeted for an upcoming Saturday.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 pm, but will be held at the Dublin Community Recreation Center and this meeting will have focus on the economic vitality of the Historic District.

Ms. Rauch adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.